

At a Court of Assistants held at Stationers
Hall E. C. 4 on Tuesday the 19th January 1937

Present:-

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| <u>A. J. Waley Esq. Hon. F.R.S.M.</u> | <u>The Master</u> |
| <u>Sir Hugh P. Allen</u> | <u>Senior Warden</u> |
| <u>A. Raven Briggs Esq.</u> | <u>Junior Warden</u> |

Past Masters

E. B. Hoare Esq.
H. D. Truscott Esq.
V. Allcard Esq.
Sir Ian Malcolm
H. Saxe Wyndham Esq.
J. H. Mes Esq.

Ord:-

A. E. Phillips Esq.
H. Lancaster Esq.
A. W. Fitzsimmons Esq.

Court called

The Minutes of the Court held on the 13th October 1936 were
read and confirmed

The Clerk reported the death of Alfred Van Noorden a
Liveryman on the 11th December 1936

A. Van Noorden

King George V

Memorial Fund

The Clerk reported the Company's subscription to the
King George V Memorial Fund amounting to one hundred and
one guineas.

Finance Sub-Committee

The following were elected to form the Finance Sub-Committee for the current year viz: The Master, The Treasurer and Pastmaster Alcard

The following candidates were unanimously elected to the Freedom and Livery of the Company:

P. V. W. Joseph Esq. Peter Nathaniel Waley Joseph proposed by The Master, seconded by F. G. Joseph Esq.

D. J. Cassavetti Esq. Demetrius John Cassavetti proposed by the Senior Warden seconded by G. D. Lockett Esq.

L. J. G. Bolders Esq. Lawrence J. G. Bolders proposed by the Junior Warden seconded by C. Middleton Esq.

R. W. D. Lindlar Esq. Richard William Daricks Lindlar proposed by M. Lindlar Esq. seconded by Pastmaster A. F. Hill

Sir Malcolm Rees On the proposition of the Master, seconded by Sir Ian Malcolm, it was unanimously resolved that the Honorary Freedom of the Company be conferred on Sir Malcolm Rees G.C.V.O., F.R.C.S.

New Banner given by Sir Ian Malcolm The offer by Sir Ian Malcolm, of the Arms of the Company embroidered on a banner to mark the conclusion of his second Mastership was accepted by the Company with acclamation.

Coys Handbook A request by the Institute of Historical Research for a copy of the Company's Handbook, 1905 Edition, was considered. The Clerk reported that the 1905 Edition was out of print and the 1915 Edition was nearly exhausted. Pastmaster Alcard offered to let the Institute have his copy of the 1905 Edition on permanent loan. The offer was received with

much approval and the Clerk was instructed to write to the Institute accordingly

Collard Fellowship

A report from the Collard Fellowship Committee recommending a further grant of £50 to Mr. Constant Lambert in respect of the year ending 30th November 1936 was received and adopted

Extracts of

Pastmasters

On the proposition of Pastmaster Saxe Wyndham the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That it be an instruction to the Hallkeeper at Stationers Hall that the stand of portraits of Pastmasters be displayed at every meeting of the Court which is succeeded by a Dinner."

Installation

of Master & Wardens

New Procedure

On the proposition of Sir Ian Malcolm seconded by the Junior Warden it was unanimously resolved "That the new procedure at the Special Court for the installation of the Master and Wardens circulated with the Agenda for this Court be adopted for future use"

The following was the procedure adopted:-

1. The Court take their places as in sketch, the Pastmasters and Assistants sitting facing the Master and Wardens in order of seniority from right to left.
2. The Clerk calls the Court
3. The Senior Pastmaster rises and thanks the retiring Master
4. The retiring Master replies
5. The retiring Master calls upon the Clerk to read the Declaration of the Master elect
6. The Master elect makes his Declaration and advancing

- to the table signs the Declaration Book
7. The retiring Master doffs his gown and hands it to the Clerk
 8. The Master elect (if a Warden) doffs his gown and hands it to the Beadle
 9. The retiring Master doffs the Chain of Office.
 10. The retiring Master invests the Master elect with the Chain of Office saying:

"By virtue of my Authority as Master and to mark
 "your due election by this Court of Assistants I
 "now invest you with the Chain of your High
 "Office, the links of which are a symbol of the
 "ties of civic friendship that bind us to one another
 "and to the Company whose ancient Arms you
 "now bear"

11. The retiring Master then takes the Master's gown from the Clerk and places it upon the shoulders of the Master elect saying:

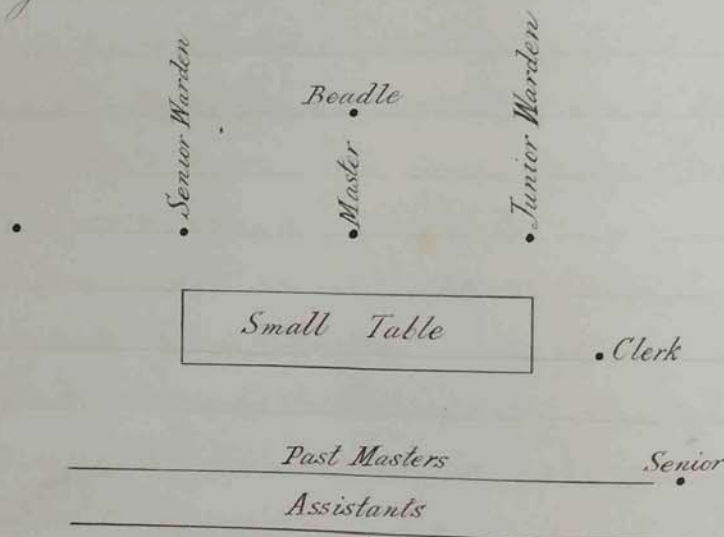
"Hereby I invest you with the robe of the
 "Master of the Worshipful Company of Musicians
 "and by the unanimous vote of the Court of
 "Assistants do clothe you with full authority
 "to represent the Company on all lawful occasions
 "to preside at its Courts and Banquets and
 "to maintain its dignities and privileges for
 "the ensuing year"

12. The New Master takes the Chair

13. The immediate Pastmaster takes the seat on the right of the Chair
 14. The Master presents the immediate Pastmaster with his Pastmaster's Badge.
 15. The Junior Warden doffs his gown and hands it to the Beadle.
 16. The Master calls upon the Clerk to administer the Warden's Declaration.
 17. The new Wardens advance to the table and stand facing the Master.
 18. The Clerk administers the Declaration to both Wardens together
 19. The Wardens sign the Book
 20. The Beadle clothes the Wardens with their gowns
 21. The Master having handed the Wardens their Badges, lays his right hand on the arm of the Senior Warden and his left hand on the arm of the Junior Warden and says:-

"By your investiture with the gown and jewel of your respective offices, to which you are called by the unanimous vote of our Court of Assistants I lay upon you, my Senior and Junior Wardens, the duty and responsibility of affording to me and to this Court all the assistance which you may be called upon to give us during the ensuing year."
 22. The Master shakes the Wardens by the hand.
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23. The Wardens and immediate Pastmaster take their places standing on the right of the Master.
24. The Court file from the left of the Master in order of seniority and shake hands with the Master, immediate Pastmaster and Wardens and resume their places.
25. The Master, Wardens and immediate Pastmaster resume their seats.
26. Any other business.



Boys' Silver Medal The clerk reported that Lancelot Dossor had been nominated by the Director of the Royal College of Music for the Company's Silver Medal 1936. This nomination was unanimously accepted by the Court.

E. Bernays The clerk read a letter from Mr. E. Bernays a Tuxford man calling the attention of the Court to the fact that

the present year would be the 250th Anniversary of Dryden's "From
Harmony heavenly Harmony" performed in Stationers Hall in
1687, as mentioned in the Handbook, page 84. Sir Hugh Allen
said he would look into the matter and the Clerk was
instructed to thank Mr. Bernays.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| James Truscott & Son Ltd. Printing | £ 13-15-3 |
| Electric Law Press and Stationery - St. Cecilia | } 2-4-6 |
| Commemoration Order | |
| R. E. Thomas & Newman Service papers | 2-5-0 |
| City Press - Subscription | 13-0 |
| Stationers Co. Rent of Hall | 20-0-0 |
| Clerk's Salary and Disbursements | 22-5-11 |
| Beadles - do. - do. - | 3-3-0 |
| King & Brymer Ltd. Livery Dinner Account | 229-0-6 |
| Solicitors' Law Stationery Society | 2-7-10 |

Arthur W. Allen

13th April 1937

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Hall E.C.4 on Tuesday 13th April 1937

Present:-

A. J. Waley Esq Hon. F.R.S. The Master
Sir Hugh P. Allen Q.C. W.S. Senior Warden
A. Raven Briggs Esq. Junior Warden

Past Masters

A. F. Hill Esq.
A. Burnett Brown Esq.
E. B. Heare Esq.
H. D. Truscott Esq.
V. Allcard Esq.
Sir Ian Malcolm
J. B. Hes Esq.

And

A. C. Edgar Esq.
A. E. Phillips Esq.
M. Lindlar Esq.
Sir Victor Schuster
A. W. Fitzsimmons Esq.
Dr. W. J. Phillips

Court called

The Minutes of the Court held on the 19th January 1937
were read and confirmed

P. H. W. Collett The Master paid a tribute to the memory of the late J. H.

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Col. A. Dyke
Island

The Clerk formally reported that the death of Walter Willson Cobbett a Pastmaster of the Company had taken place on the 22nd January and also reported the death on 22nd March of Colonel Alfred Dyke Island a Liveryman

Sir Adrian Boulton

The Clerk reported that the honour of Knighthood had been conferred by His Majesty The King upon Adrian Cedric Boulton M. A. D. Mus., LL. D., F. R. C. M. a Member of the Livery. The Clerk was instructed to write congratulating Sir Adrian.

Dr Stanley
Marchant

On the proposition of Sir Jan Malcolm, seconded by the Treasurer, Dr Stanley Marchant, C. V. O. Principal of the Royal Academy of Music was unanimously elected to fill the vacancy in the Court caused by the death of Pastmaster Cobbett.

Finance
Sub-Committee

The report of the Finance Sub-Committee was received and adopted as follows:-

Your Sub-Committee met at 1, New Court on 6th April and examined the Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1936. They were of the opinion that the Accounts were well kept and the results for the year were satisfactory.

They wish to draw the attention of the Court to the large increase in the Book Value of the Company's investments. This is due to the fact that the Company's investments are shown in the Books at cost price and that there was a profit upon certain of the investments which was capitalised upon the recent change in these holdings. There has, however, been a fall in these securities since 31st December 1936 and your Sub-Committee recommend that these investments be

written down as at 31st December 1937, if the lower level of prices for gilt edged stocks now obtaining persists at that date. They are also of the opinion that it is not desirable to write up the remainder of the investments.

H. A. F. Crewdson
Clerk.

7th April 1937.

Admission to
the Livery The Treasurer said he desired to thank the other members of the Sub-Committee for their advice and assistance.

The Clerk read the following Memorandum on the subject of admission to the Livery viz:-

The Fellowship of Clerks of Livery Companies has recently had under careful consideration the varying procedure adopted by the Minor Companies in the admission of their Members and have issued to their members a suggested form based upon general and historical precedent.

I am glad to say that in most particulars our custom is in accordance with the accepted precedent, but it contains apparently, in common with those of a very large number of the other companies, one serious defect. At present when a candidate presents himself for the Freedom and Livery he is elected at one Court and admitted both to the Freedom and Livery at the next and he is subsequently requested by the Clerk to attend at Guildhall to take up the Freedom of the City, a request which he may or may not comply with.

It seems to be historically established that a Freeman of a Company may not be clothed with the Livery unless he is first admitted a Freeman of the City. Therefore the admission to the Freedom of the City must take place after the election to the Freedom of the Company (without which the candidate cannot be a Freeman of the City) and before admission to the Livery.

It is suggested by the Memorandum issued by the Fellowship of Clerks that the simplest method of providing for the election of a candidate without the necessity of his waiting for three Courts, i.e. election, admission to the Freedom and Admission to the Livery, is for Companies by resolution to give their Master and Wardens general power to admit to the Freedom of the Company out of Court i.e. shortly after election. The candidate will make his declaration before the Master and Wardens alone and will be admitted by them to the Freedom of the Company and he will then be enabled to take up the Freedom of the City before the next following Court, at which he can then properly be admitted to the Livery. I see no objection to this suggestion, if the Court approves.

Two other matters in which our procedure ought to be revised are:

- (i) The "Livery" should comprise a hood of the Company's colours besides the Gown. (This applies whenever the Livery is worn)
- (ii) The candidate on admission to the Livery should

be given the following charge by the Master:

You shall be a good and true Brother unto
the Worshipful Company of Musicians whereof
you are now a full Brother admitted:

You shall keep to your Power all the lawful
Ordinances and Acts, now ready made within
your said Fraternity, as far as shall concern
or belong to your Charge:

All these points, as much as in you is, you
shall well and truly on your behalf keep
and observe to your Power, as near as God
shall send you Grace

It was resolved that no action be taken in the matter
but that the Master be requested to charge all new Freemen
to take up the Freedom of the City as soon as possible, and
that the question of the hood be considered by the Master
and Wardens.

Cobbett Bequest

The Clerk reported the receipt from the Executor of the late
P. M. Cobbett of a sum of £100 bequeathed to the Company by
his Will to be spent at the discretion of the Treasurer from
time to time in amplifying the programmes of the music played
after the dinners given by the Worshipful Company.

It was resolved after discussion to fund the legacy, but
owing to the smallness of the income which it would produce,
this was only to be used every two years and then for the
purpose of having performed some work associated with

Admission
of Honorary
Freemen
New procedure

P. M. Cobbett or his arms, such work to given at the Court when the Cobbett medal was presented

Admission
of Honorary
Freeman
New procedure

Pastmaster Sir Jan Malcolm proposed certain revisions in the procedure on the admission of an Honorary Freeman, so that the procedure would in future be as follows:-

The Proposer and Seconder, with the Clerk and Beadle, to meet the candidate without the doors of the Court Chamber. Preceded by the Beadle with Mace, and followed by the Clerk, the Candidate, flanked on either side by his Proposer and Seconder, proceeds to the table; he wheels right and faces the Master, to whom he is formally introduced by his Proposer.

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The Clerk then administers the Oath; the new Freeman signs the Book and returns to the table to be officially welcomed by the Master and presented with his title.

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Following this ceremony the new Honorary Freeman, attended by the Clerk, is presented to each member of the Court

N.B. In cases where the Proposer or Seconder happen to be the Master or one of the Wardens, the Senior Past Master present will act as substitute at the ceremony of Introduction.

The Master seconded the proposal which was carried nem. con.

Dunket Greene
Memorial

Pastmaster Sir John Malcolm drew the attention of the Court to the proposed Memorial to Mr Harry Dunket Greene formerly an Honorary Freeman of the Company and that money was being collected to endow a bed at St. George's Hospital in his memory. Certain persons were arranging concerts for the purpose of raising the funds and he wondered whether the Company could do something of the sort. It was left to the Master and Wardens to meet and discuss what could be done, and report to the next Court.

F. E. Fellowes

On the proposition of the Senior Warden seconded by the Treasurer the Revd. Edmund Horace Fellowes M.F.O., M.A., Mus.D. was unanimously elected to the Honorary Freedom of the Company for his services to the Art or Science of Music in his research on the subject of the English Madrigal and devotion to music generally.

The Hon. Jas. Smith

On the proposition of the Senior Warden seconded by the Treasurer the Hon. James Smith was unanimously elected to the Freedom and Livery of the Company.

Badge presented
to the R. A. M.

The Treasurer reported that certain members of the Company had subscribed a sum of £100 to defray the cost of a Badge to be presented to the Royal Academy of Music the Badge to be worn by the Principal on ceremonial occasions.

The Senior Warden expressed the opinion that the Badge should only be worn at Academy functions; the Master said that he thought the matter was one for the Academy to decide but that no doubt the donors of the Badge would bear this view of the case in mind.

His Cup

Hon. Freeman

Sir H. Mason
Recd.

His Cup

The clerk reported the award of the His Cup at Kneller Hall to Student byrd Francis Harriott A.R.C.M.

The following accounts were passed for payment:-

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| King & Brymer - January Dinner | £ 26. 9. 9 |
| Novellos - Printing | 7. 13. 9 |
| Geo. Kenning & Son - Repair of Banners | 15. 0. 0 |
| Do. - Purchase of Ribbon | 1. 8. 6 |
| Clerk - Salary and Disbursements | 34. 11. 1 |
| Beadle - Salary | 3. 3. 0 |
| Stationers Co. - Rent of Hall | 20. 0. 0 |

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| J. Holland - Scroll for Sir M. Lees | 7. 7. 0 |
| The Clerk reported that the following urgent accounts had been paid:- | |
| Stationers Co. Beadle. January Dinner | £ 2. 13. 6 |
| Alliance Assurance Co. Insurance of Plate | 10. 1. 0 |

Hon. Freeman

Sir Jan Malcolm made the suggestion that instead of three of the Honorary Freeman being invited to each Dinner, as was now done, they should be made "Honorary Members of the Mess" entitled to come to any dinner and ~~bring guests on payment~~. It was resolved that the matter be left to the Master and Wardens to consider and report upon at the next court.

Alfred W. Suley

Master.

Sir M. Lees

At the conclusion of the court Sir Milsom Lees 5610, F.R.S. was admitted to the Honorary Freedom of the Company

and the following Gentlemen were admitted to the Freedom
and Livery having previously paid their fees viz:-

Peter Nathaniel Waley Joseph

Demetrius John Cassavette

Lawrence John Gale Boldero

Richard William Diericks Lindlar.

(Accounts over.)

Balance Sheet

General Fund

Balance at 31st December 1935

20,103 3 2

Add Increase in Book Value on
exchange of Investments

14,480 6 7

Excess of Income over Expenditure
for Year

85 12 10 24,669 2 7

Special Funds (as per conha)

Benevolent Fund

3,225 9 11

Trust Funds

19,432 17 2

"Hall" Fund

6,475 2 8 29,153 9 9

£53,822 12 4

We certify the above Balance Sheet and the Accounts attached
The Deeds of the Freehold Ground Rents have been inspected

are in accordance
and we have signed
Evans

31st December 1936General Fund

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|--|--------|----|---|--------|-----|
| Freehold Ground Rents | 2,032 | 6 | 8 | | |
| Investments at Cost | 22,116 | 14 | 6 | | |
| Plak as valued for Insurance <u>£3,089-4-0</u> | | | | | |
| Stock of Mines & Deposit Account | 91 | 7 | 1 | | |
| Cash at Bank | 428 | 14 | 4 | 24,669 | 2 7 |

Benevolent Fund

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| Investments at Cost | 3,081 | 7 | 6 | | |
| Cash at Bank | 144 | 2 | 5 | 3,225 | 9 11 |

Trust Funds

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| Investments at Cost | 18,881 | 13 | 1 | | |
| Cash at Bank | 551 | 11 | 1 | 19,432 | 17 2 |

Hall Fund

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| Investments at Cost | 6,394 | 19 | 8 | | |
| Cash at Bank | 100 | 3 | 0 | 6,495 | 2 8 |

£53,872 12 4

are in accordance with the Book and Vouchers produced.
and we have verified the Investments and the Bank Balances.

Evans Pearson & Co.

Portland House,

Basinghall Street London E.C. 2

24th March 1937

General
Income & Expenditure Account

Fund
for the Year

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| | <u>Expenditure</u> | |
|---|--------------------|-------|
| To Taxes, Salaries, Rent Printing, Professional Charges and Petty Disbursements &c. | 418 | 8 8 |
| Entertaining and Music | 289 | 1 11 |
| Balance being Excess of Income over Expenditure | 85 | 12 10 |
| | £ 793 | 3 5 |

By Gro
Fund

£

| | <u>Special</u> <u>Receipts & Payments Account</u> | |
|---|--|------|
| To Balance at Bank - 1 st January 1936 | 449 | 17 7 |
| Interest & Dividends (including Income Tax recovered) | 835 | 18 3 |
| Donations to Hall Fund | 73 | 10 6 |
| Sale of Investments | 19026 | 0 8 |
| | £ 20385 | 7 0 |

Funds
for the Year

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Bal

Fund

344

for the Year ended 31st December 1936

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Income

By Ground Rents, Interest and Dividends

607 4 3

• Fines and Fees

185 19 2

£ 793 3 5

Funds

for the Year ended 31st December 1936

6r.

By Scholarships, Grants, Medals &c.

438 14 5

• Purchase of Investments

19,151 3 1

• Balance at Bank - 31st December 1936

795 9 6

£ 20,385 7 0